

Fair Political Practices Commission Memorandum

To: Chairman Johnson, Commissioners Hodson, Huguenin, Leidigh, and Remy
From: Michael B. Salerno, Executive Director
Subject: Executive Director's Report
Date: August 1, 2007

This is a summary of administrative activity and other matters since the report sent to you prior to the last Commission meeting.

PERSONNEL

Amanda Saxton has been appointed as the new Chief of Enforcement. Her knowledge of the Political Reform Act from her time with the Commission, in addition to her previous experience working on government ethics issues while at the state Legislative Counsel Bureau, will continue to be an asset to the Commission.

Congratulations to Elaine Olmos-Flores, Catherine Gallardo, Tony Becerra, and Rudy Garza, who have each been promoted from the position of Investigator I to Investigator II.

Virginia Latteri-Lopez has been hired as the new regulations coordinator in the Legal Division. She comes from the Legislative Counsel Bureau, where for the past 13 years she was the chief assistant to the law librarian and assisted the legal staff on research. Her background will be a tremendous resource in not only overseeing our regulations process, but also in keeping up the law library and assisting our attorneys in their legal research.

Terrance Rodgers has joined the staff of the Technical Assistance Division. He comes to the agency from CalPERS, where he worked as a Retirement Program Specialist. In that capacity, he provided technical assistance to CalPERS members by telephone and in person and conducted various retirement planning and financial planning workshops. He will be a tremendous asset to the agency's technical assistance program.

Susan Busath has been hired as the new Commission Assistant. She is also from the Legislative Counsel Bureau, where she worked for almost 30 years, served as a legal assistant, and most recently was a legal support supervisor supervising their resolution writing unit. Her skill and attention to detail will prove invaluable in providing support to the commissioners and the executive staff of the Commission.

STAFF PROJECTS

Technical Assistance:

Filing Officer Seminars: Trish Mayer presented a filing officers workshop in Huntington Beach and Riverside; Trish Mayer and Adrienne Korchmaros were panel members at the summer school at Stanford University sponsored by county election officials.

Outreaches: Tara Stock presented SEI outreaches for the state Dept. of Conservation and the cities of San Ramon, Riverbank and Hayward. Cynthia Jones presented an SEI outreach for the city of Stockton and Barbara Smith presented campaign outreach for Shasta County officials.

CONFLICT-OF-INTEREST CODES

Pursuant to Section 87300 of the Government Code and Commission Regulation 18750.1, state and multi-county agencies seeking to adopt or substantively amend a conflict-of-interest code must submit the proposed code to the Commission for review and approval. The Technical Assistance Division has reviewed and, since the last agenda, I have approved the following conflict-of-interest codes:

Code Adoptions and Amendments:

Assembly Rules Committee (new position)
Yuba County College District (new positions)
Shandon Joint Unified School District (new positions; changed disclosure categories)
Westlands Water District (new position)
Penninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board (new positions)
Kern Water Bank Authority (new position; changed disclosure categories)
Dublin San Ramon Services District (new positions)
Sierra Joint Community College District (new positions)
Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (new positions; changed disclosure categories)
Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency (new positions)
Napa County Resource Conservation District (new positions; changed disclosure categories)
Northern California Power Agency (new positions; changed disclosure categories)

FINDINGS OF PROBABLE CAUSE

There were none.

REQUESTS FOR EXTENSION OF COMMITTEE TERMINATION

Mark Leyes for Assembly (ID#1232304) - A request for extension of termination deadline was granted on July 19, 2007.

Californians for Rocky (ID# 1275408) - A request for extension of termination deadline was granted on July 19, 2007.

ORDERS

There were none.